

December 1, 2005

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

M I N U T E S

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown, Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Toni Young, Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Councilmember Toni Young	President
Supervisor Yvonne Burke	1 st Vice President
Supervisor Gary Ovitt	2 nd Vice President
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Roberts	Immediate Past President
Councilmember Harry Baldwin	Chair, TCC
Councilmember Dennis Washburn	Chair, EEC
Councilmember Sid Tyler	Chair, Admin

Members Not Present

Councilmember Deborah Robertson	Chair, CEHD
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Others Present

Councilmember Richard Dixon	Regional Council Member
Jim Coyle	Deputy, Sup. Gary Ovitt
David Ryu	Deputy, Sup. Yvonne Burke
Charles Bookhammer	Deputy, Sup. Yvonne Burke
Paul Bauer	SCAG Lobbyist

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Don Rhodes, Manager, Governmental Affairs
Diane Cunningham, Business Support Supervisor
Charolette Pienkos, Gov't Affairs Officer
Sarah Adams, Govt Affairs Officer
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

**President Young
Chair**

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Approval of December 1, 2005 Minutes

It was MOVED (Baldwin), SECONDED (Ovitt) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.2 RHNA “House Your Own”

SCAG’s focus will be to develop a policy rather than a statistically based RHNA that emphasizes the use of improved growth data locally to help subregions and communities “house their own”, and identify priority investment zones where incentives may be targeted to encourage additional housing development, i.e. Compass 2% Strategy areas identified locally.

SCAG executive staff has been in discussion with the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing on this issue over the last several months.

3.1.3 2006 Legislative Program

The 2006 State and Federal Legislative Program is adopted annually by the Regional Council following approval by the policy committees. A draft legislative program was reviewed by each of the policy committees in November. All committees requested revisions or clarifications, which have been made and are shown in the attached revised legislative program. An item to facilitate tribal government participation in SCAG according to the adopted tribal government work plan has been added for the Regional Council’s review. Upon its adoption, the legislative program will be implemented in January at the beginning of the 2006 state and federal legislative sessions.

Federal Legislative Update

John Cline & Tom Crawford, C2 Group, reported on the following:

- Appropriations – work through the Authorizing committee on a clean-up bill for early next year. It may include some policy elements.

- Budget Tax Reconciliation - Congressional leaders are working on a \$35 – \$50 billion budget reconciliation that would cut taxes by \$70 billion. This will put a lot of pressure on members and funding.
- The Labor HHS appropriations took a hit because it was funded as a concurrent resolution with no earmarks. Shows that there are going to be a number of changes in the appropriations process
- Federal Gas tax revenues are lower than anticipated in SAFETEA-LU which could hit the Highway Trust Fund hard. Authorizers are concerned that these levels may not allow full funding to 2008.
- Also worried about further decline due to conservation of gas and may need to reopen legislation on SAFETEA-LU in 2007. C2 has been working to ensure SCAG is represented on SAFETEA-LU commissions. Mark Pisano will be briefing DOT on SCAG's recent studies.

C2 stated that consideration of trip to D.C. and appropriations requests should be done in mid-to-late February. Mark Pisano stated that consensus group wants to go to D.C. in March. APTA as well as NARC is also scheduled to meet during this time.

State Legislative Update

Paul Bauer, State Lobbyist, reported on the following:

- CEQA Reform with some funding arising from Perata's Bond Measure.
- Perata Bond Measure – Tiered by issue to spend funds in the most efficient manner.
- Infrastructure Bond – There are concerns with how the bonds will be paid back. This will determine the size of bond.
- General Obligation limitations will limit level of funding.
- Other funding streams are under discussion.

Mr. Bauer urged SCAG to continue to pursue what is needed in the region. There is a need to make sure that SCAG's projects are included in earmarked funding. It should be noted that Senator Perata has the strongest proposal and is controlling working groups.

3.1.4 Update on CEQA Reform

This item will be reported on under the Executive Director's report

4.0 **PRESIDENT REPORT**

No report presented at this time.

5.0 REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed. The meeting focus is RHNA “House Your Own” Planning

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mark Pisano stated that staff has continued to participate in Statewide CEQA reform discussions, which have evolved into a set of broader negotiations on development, planning, and environmental protection under various State statutes and programs. All State cabinet level agencies are participating in discussions with Business, Transportation and Housing (BTH) and Resources in lead roles. Staff expects proposed legislation in a number of areas to emerge within the next couple of months. Any legislation that comes out of this effort will be brought before the Regional Council for consideration of a position. SCAG has continued to emphasize pursuing beneficial environmental outcomes and streamlined development in strategic locations, while assuring that local participation is optional.

Mr. Pisano noted that the State has put together committees in which he serves on for purposes of reviewing CEQA and housing issues. As a result of their meetings several issues are now on the table. In order to provide input and receive recommendations from member there is a need for two joint workshops. Members will be notified as soon as the workshops are scheduled and invited to join in them.

7.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

7.1 Closed Session

- Writ of Mandate re: Board of Control Decision on, Statutes 1980 Ch. 1143 Claim No. 3929 Before the Commission on State Mandates (RHNA Determination Cost Reimbursement- Council of Governments). Code Section Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government 54956.9 Pending Litigation (one potential case)."

No closed session was held

- Conference with Legal Counsel – potential litigation Audit issues: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and Orange County Council of Governments. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) Two (2) potential cases.

No closed session was held.

- Havens v. SCAG
Havens v. Southern California Association of Governments,
Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 324931
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.9(a)

No closed session was held.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2005.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director